

Exploring Beliefs: Life After Death

Learning objective: To understand that different religions have diverse beliefs about what happens after a person dies.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history and world beliefs. Read the facts carefully and answer the questions below to test your knowledge about how different cultures view the end of life.

Answer Key: 1. A (Afterlife); 2. True; 3. Reincarnation; 4. B (Christianity); 5. False; 6. Soul; 7. C (Hinduism); 8. True; 9. Heaven; 10. Memory. Note: These questions explore different religious perspectives, including the Christian belief in Heaven, the Hindu belief in reincarnation, and the importance of remembering loved ones.

Word bank: Afterlife · Reincarnation · Heaven · Soul · Cycle · Memory

1. 1. What is the general term for a life that some people believe continues after death? A) Afterlife* B) Restart C) Social Studies-run D) Back-to-start (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Every religion in the world has the exact same belief about what happens after death. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name for the belief that a person's soul is born again into a new body? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which religion often teaches the belief in Heaven as a place to be with God? A) Buddhism B) Christianity* C) Sikhism D) Shinto (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Many people show respect for those who have died by visiting graves or holding memorial services. (1 mark)

6. 6. Many faiths believe that a person is made of a physical body and an invisible inner spirit called a _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which religion has a strong belief in the cycle of life, death, and rebirth? A) Judaism B) Islam C) Hinduism* D) Christianity (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Some people believe that our actions during our lifetime affect what happens to us after death. (1 mark)

9. 9. In many traditions, what is the name of the place described as a peaceful home for those who have lived a good life? (1 mark)

10. 10. Ellie the Elephant says we can keep people close to us by holding on to a fond _____ of them. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a peaceful garden that represents your idea of a calm and happy place. Think about what colors and symbols make a place feel special and full of hope.



Extension challenge: Choose one religion you have learned about today. Write a short paragraph explaining one thing that followers of that religion hope for after death.